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In reply to a query from Mr. Howes of the committee, Mr. Millett told of the condemning of about half of a shipment of 360 swordfish from Nova Scotia. He also pointed out that the recent receipts of swordfish at Boston, reported from California, were in reality from Japan and was but a forerunner of an invasion of this market and another case where rigid inspection would be necessary.

Change In Cold Storage Laws.

Mr. Carroll in addition to favoring the change recommended by Mr. Morris for the Fish Exchange also advocated changes in the cold storage laws. Things are different than in the old days, he said, there might well be a change in the laws as nothing but the very best of fish is frozen now. The law of supply and demand governs what fish comes to Gloucester and the fish we get here are the very same grades as they get on the fish pier.

Capt. Edward A. Proctor, John A. Dahmer, Charles Nelson, Lemuel T. Firth, Patrick J. Murphy, Clayton E. Morrissey, Archie McLeod, Eugene LaFond, Gilbert Lafford, Herman Tysver, Peter Tysver, Gerry Shoares, Oliver Tysver, Harry Clattenburg, James Mason, John Barrett, Edward Weideman, John Nelson, Walter Carrigan, William Nickerson, William Brigham, Albert Arnold, William Cerkum, George D. Morey, Everett R. Jodrey and Lawrence J. Hart were recorded in favor of the change in the law.

Mayor John E. Parker, Aldermen William T. Hudson, Lincoln S. Simonds, J. Russell Bohar and R. Chandler Davis of the Municipal Council, and Representative Harold B. Webber, who as Mr. MacInnis pointed out has been to the forefront for fisheries legislation and entitled to a great deal of credit were all recorded in favor.

Members of the committee presented were Senator Frederick E. Judd of Southampton, chairman; Representative Ernest J. Dean, Chatham, vice chairman; Judge Heman A. Harding of Chatham; Assistant Attorney General Donald C. Starr of

Winchester; Zenas A. Howes of Quincy, State Supervisor of Marine Fisheries, and Gardner R. Poole of Weyland and William E. Mullins, secretary.

Powers of Committee.

The commission was authorized by act of the legislature of 1930, providing that a special commission to consist of one member of the senate to be designated by the president; two members of the house of representatives, to be designated by the speaker; two persons to be appointed by the Governor; the attorney general or an assistant attorney general to be designated by the attorney general; and either the state supervisor of marine fisheries or some other representative of the division of fisheries and game as designated by the director of said division, shall make a survey and study of the laws of the Commonwealth relating to marine fish and fisheries, including shellfish, with a view to the revision, codification and simplification of said laws, and the making of any other improvements therein that may seem advisable. Said commission shall hold hearings and may call upon officers of the department of conservation and other state officers and officers of the several counties and municipalities for such information as may be needed in the course of its work.

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A report shall be made to the general court by filing its recommendations with the clerk of the house of representatives not later than December 1, 1930, with drafts of such legislation as may be necessary to effect the same.

Several hearings have been held in the coastal cities and towns, mostly in relation to shellfish, the last one being at Dartmouth on November 13.

When the hearing opened, a word of greeting was extended by Mayor Parker. The council chamber was filled with a delegation of more than 60 fish men, masters and others interested in the industry and also representatives of the clamming and lobster businesses.

The fish men presented their recommendations and the remainder of the evening was devoted to matters pertaining to the clammers and lobstermen. Ernest A. Sadler, president of the Gloucester Clammers' Association, and Oscar Brackett of the Lobstermen's Protective Association, acting as spokesmen for their respective organizations.

Contaminated Flats.

Mr. Sadler spoke at length on the matter of contaminated flats and also brought up an incident of the seizure of five boats by two deputy wardens which he thought was without authority. Mr. Sadler asked for information why clams taken from a particular area were disapproved by the state department of health, while clams taken from the same flats at the same time were approved by the food and drug division. The speaker thought the contamination was not the flats anyway, but it was a case of what happened to the clams after they left the flats.

The matter of the seized boats, taken by Henry Nichols, it was brought out, from local clambers, was aired at length. Mr. Sadler contended that the deputy took the boats without authority and Mr. Howes, state supervisor, under whom the coastal deputies operate, stated that there was never any report in his office of the seizure of boats. Oscar Brackett defended the two deputies who were maintained at the expense of the lobster men's organization, while Manuel Brown asserted with considerable vigor that Mr. Howes did know about the incident as a report was made to the state house and the deputy received his information as to procedure from Mr. Howes. Mr. Howes agreed to take up the matter.

Urged Investigation.

Representative Webber, speaking for the clambers, urged that the power to open and close flats be vested with the Department of Conservation and also urged an investigation into the matter of the seized boats. Mr. Webber also advocated an increase in the age limit for coastal deputies in order to get men into the service experienced in the work of lobster fishing.

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Mr. Brackett urged a restriction of importations of lobsters from Nova Scotia during the summer months.

He was queried at length on the recommendations which were made by the South Shore fishermen. Mr. Brackett favored a law which would make it prima facie evidence that a man had shorts if he threw them overboard, providing he was hailed with a display of the deputy's authority. He favored a change in the marking of seed lobsters to make it permanent, an appropriation for boats for wardens; opposed a close season. Regarding a closed season, Mr. Brackett said there was already an automatic one during the winter months. The only one that would help would be during the shedding season in the summer months and that wouldn't help the fishermen when they were making their livelihood. Mr. Brackett approved a law providing for the loss of the license for a year, a fine of \$25 each for shorts, a license fee of \$10 for aliens and opposed the limitation of the number of pots. He also advocated some action on the matter of licenses, pointing out that there was an individual caught twice, but he was fishing just the same under a crab license, while another had been refused a license here, and went to Rockport and got one. He thought something should be done to take care of that situation.

Mr. Brown urged more protection. He said it had been promised and promised, but the one or two bad actors still carry on without molestation. Deputy Warden Carl E. Grant advocated a more severe penalty for the molesting and cutting of gear.

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ONLY TEN AT THE FISH PIER

RECEIPTS LESS THAN 300,000
POUNDS—MARKET REMAINS
ABOUT THE SAME.

A fleet of 10 vessels brought fares to the Boston fish pier this morning. Small cargoes were the rule as usual and receipts totalled only 236,000 pounds of groundfish and 40,000 pounds of mixed fish. Haddock sold for \$4; large cod, \$5 and markets, \$2.25.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Cormorant, 39,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 7000 mixed fish.
Str. King Fisher, 38,000 haddock, 2200 cod, 2000 mixed fish.
Sch. Nina B., 27,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4900 mixed fish.
Sch. Frances J. Manta, 4000 haddock, 3500 mixed fish.
Sch. Mary J. DeCosta, 12,000 haddock, 2300 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Sch. Natalie Hammond, 18,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
Sch. L. A. Dunton, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Gertrude DeCosta, 29,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 5000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Dawn, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 hake.

Boat Frances, 12,000 mixed fish.
Haddock, \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$1 to \$1.25; cusk, \$2; gray sole, 5 cents per pound; lemon sole, 4 cents; black backs, 2 cents; yellow tails, 2½ cents; dabs, 2½ cents; sharks, 6 cents; catfish, 2 cents.

Nov. 20 LARGE HAULS BY GILL NET FLEET

NETS LIFTING FOR FIRST TIME
IN THREE DAYS, LOAD-
ED DEEP.

Gill netters hit their largest day's receipts of the season yesterday, when gear setting in the water for three days was lifted "loaded" with pollock. Some of the boats ran as high as 40,000 pounds, and quite a number had catches of 30,000 pounds each.

The mackerel netters made their first set in three days last night, some of the boats finding fishing fair and others landing a couple of hundred pounds. Boat Leretha. Capt. John Morash, came in from off-shore dragging with a 10,000 pounds fare for Murray & Tarr this forenoon. Two fares of salt fish from the Provinces also arrived during the night for Frank C. Pearce Company.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Boat Leretha, dragging, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

British boat O. K. Service, Nova Scotian ports, 200,000 lbs. salt fish.

British sch. Philip J. Nova Scotian ports, 40,000 lbs. salt fish.

Boat Sam and Priscilla, netting, 2000 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat Antonio, netting, 300 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat Emilia D., netting, 200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Josephine and Margaret, netting, 200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat Little Joe, netting, 400 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Restless, netting, 1750 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Nyoda, netting, 1100 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat Bethulia, netting, 700 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat Rose and Lucy, netting, 309 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat Rose Marie, netting, 200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat Antonina, netting, 1200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Thomaston, netting, 1500 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Albert D. Willard, netting, 1200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Desire, netting, 300 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat Virginia and Mary, netting, 250 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat Sam and Priscilla, netting, 200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Shirley N. Clattenburg, netting, 500 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Aeolus, netting, 500 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Audrey and Theo, netting, 300 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat Pocomo, netting, 1700 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat C-1139, netting, 600 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat C-4188, netting, 450 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat Grace A., netting, 800 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. A. Platt Andrew, netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Catherine C., netting, 300 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Irene and Mabel, netting, 300 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Huntington Sanford, netting, 200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Angie L. Marshall, via Boston.

Sch. Pilgrim, via Boston.

Overland receipts, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

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Sch. Carrie S. Roderick, via Boston.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Boat Enterprise, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Inca, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Mary A., 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Serafina II., 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Evelyn H., 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Phyllis A., 17,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Mary J. Landry, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Nashawena, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Eliza C. Riggs, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Liboria C., 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Alicia, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Joanna, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Edna Fae, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Naomi Bruce II., 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Naomi Bruce III., 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Lucretia, 21,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Elizabeth and James, 28,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Angelina, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Virginia and Joan, 22,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Ramona, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat C. A. Meister, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sailed.

Sch. Leonora C., dragging.

Sch. Doris F. Amero, dragging.

Boat Col. Lindbergh, dragging.

Sch. Amelia M. Pereira, dragging.

Sch. Babe Sears, dragging.

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EIGHT AT THE FISH PIER TODAY

RECEIPTS UNDER 400,000 POUNDS
TWO SMALL LOTS OF
MACKEREL IN.

A fleet of eight craft, five of them steamers, furnished the supply at the Boston fish pier this morning. Total receipts were 320,000 pounds of groundfish, 60,000 pounds of mixed fish, and 4200 pounds of fresh mackerel.

Groundfish prices were about the same as yesterday. Mackerel brought 13 cents per pound.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Newton, 46,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.

Str. William J. O'Brien, 50,000 scrod, 7000 cod, 1800 mixed fish.

Str. Holy Cross, 53,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.

Str. Fisher, 41,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 7000 mixed fish.

Str. White Cap, 47,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.

Sch. Wamsutta, 17,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 mixed fish.

Boat Famiglia, 2200 mackerel.

Boat Santina, 2000 mackerel.

Haddock, \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.75; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; cusk, \$2; gray sole, 7 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 5 cents; black backs, 3 cents; yellow tails, \$3 per bbl.; dabs, \$3 per bbl.; mackerel, 13 cents per lb.; sharks, 6 cents; catfish, 3 cents.

Nov. 21 GEORGES BANK SURVEY ABOUT THIRD COMPLETE

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—The resurvey of the water area of Georges Bank, which extends off the New England coast for a distance of over 200 miles and covers an area of approximately 15,000 square miles, was one of the principal undertakings of the Coast and Geodetic Survey of the commerce department during the 1930 fiscal year, according to the annual report of Capt. R. S. Patton, director of the survey, to Secretary of Commerce Lamont, made public today.

The resurvey of Georges Bank, which is now about one-third completed, was undertaken at the instance of masters of vessels and fishing companies. It is perhaps difficult to fully grasp the immensity of this project and the difficulties it presents, Capt. Patton declares. It is a region of strong and irregular currents, of frequent storms, and is enveloped in fog over half of the surveying season. It lies partly on one of the world's most important fishing banks and is adjacent to the west-bound transatlantic steamship lane.

The records show an increase of 13 per cent over the preceding year in the distribution of nautical charts, and the report calls attention also to the program for expediting completion of the control surveys of the United States.

Hydrographic, topographic, and control surveys were made along various sections of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts during the 1930 fiscal year. In continuing the program of tide and current surveys of important harbors, a survey of Narragansett Bay was begun during the year.